

# A Testimony To Faithfulness

By Mike Riley

History tells us that in 79 A.D., the Roman city of Pompeii (near modern-day Naples) was literally buried in lava by the violent eruption of the Mount Vesuvius volcano. The city was lost for nearly 1,600 years before its accidental rediscovery in 1592.

During the excavation of that city, archaeologists found people in the streets, who had been attempting to make their escape out of the city. Some were found in deep vaults, trying to find some kind of protection from the volcanic lava flow, while others were found in lofty chambers.

One interesting find was the remains of a Roman sentinel who was faithfully standing at the city gate with his hand still grasping his weapon. He had been placed there by his commanding officer, keeping watch for any intruders coming into the city. As the lava stream rolled into the city, he had faithfully stood at his post, never wavering from his responsibility as sentinel.

Similarly, our Captain (Hebrews 2:10 KJV) has placed us as a sentinel “entrusted with the gospel” (1 Thess 2:4 NKJV; 1 Tim 6:20 NKJV; 2 Tim 1:13-14 NKJV).

No matter what spiritual wickedness comes our way (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV; cf. Romans 8:38-29 NKJV), will we, as the Roman sentinel, be found faithfully standing at our assigned post, watching for any intruders? (Eph 6:13 NKJV; Acts 20:29-31 NKJV; cf. 1 Tim 1:20 NKJV; 2 Peter 2:1-3 NKJV).

**Let's think about it!**



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

**4/17/22**

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

### Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

### Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Todd Chapman  
**Opening prayer-** David Reppond **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

### April 24th

**Announcements-** Wayne Fowler **Lord's Table-** Wes Chapman  
**Opening prayer-** Don Delukie **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer or online at [www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com).

## Announcements

— **There will be no PM services this evening.**

— **Question & Answer Series: May 1st** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address [SCOC2006@att.net](mailto:SCOC2006@att.net) or to Don.

— **Fish Fry:** There is a Fish Fry scheduled for **May 21st**. Mark your calendars! More details TBA.



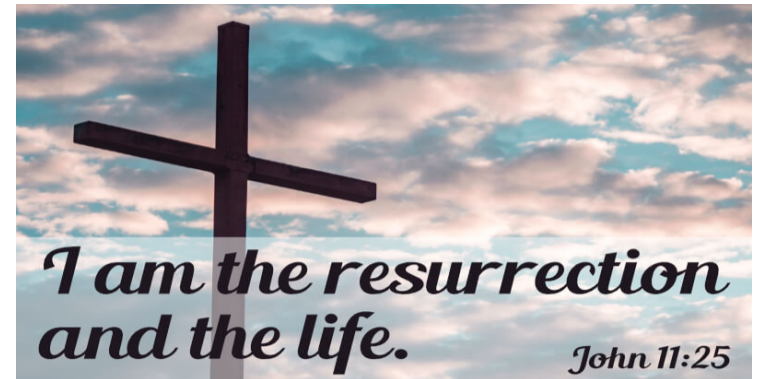
## Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, Connie Grenfell, Kase Summerhill, Leroy Russell, Roosevelt Rogers, Arlene Sumner, Judy King, Cindy Cox, Mary Kathrine Manning, James Johnson, Bettye Flowers, Leah & Tracy DeWitt.

**Bereaved:** Families of Billy George McKinnie, Bobby Fletcher, Pam Gray, John DeHart, Clyde Wilson.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Trey Jennings, Debbie Walker, Virginia Royal, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



### April Birthdays

10 - Sydney Scharf  
12 - Joanne Fowler  
15 - Keith Brister  
27 - James Johnson

### April Anniversaries

4 - Ronnie & Janice Hayes

